

REMARKSClaims

Claims 5-10 were previously allowed. All other claims are now canceled.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Reasons for allowability of the claims in addition to those stated by the Examiner may exist, each of which may be independently sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more pending claims. The Applicant respectfully reserves the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the claimed invention.

Formal Drawings

Formal drawings were submitted with a Transmittal on May 25, 2002. A return receipt card has been received.

However, the formal drawings have not been acknowledged in the Official Action of July 15, 2003 or the Final Rejection of February 9, 2004, and were not included in the publication of the present application (Patent Application Publication US 2003/0141879 A1 dated July 31, 2003.)

Acknowledgment of the formal drawings is respectfully requested.

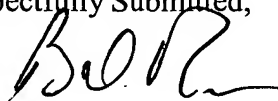
Conclusion

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully urged.

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